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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.H1

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated 10 April 2002, please accept the following request for reconsideration.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.